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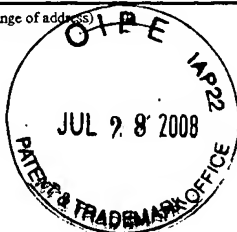
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR MONITORING PERFORMANCE OF IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Sir:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's Statement of the Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability dated June 13, 2008 and submits that the allowed claims recite subject matter which further supports patentability for reasons in addition to those identified in the Reasons for Allowance.

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